THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) During January to July 2003, 1,18,578 domestic tourists and 4,154 foreign tourists visited Kashmir valley.

(c) and (d) According to the information provided by Indian Airlines Limited, APEX fares are being offered in Delhi-Jammu sector. The promotional fares were offered between Delhi-Srinagar sector during the peak tourist season upto 15th July, 2003.

Retrieving of Indian Antiques

2977. MISS MABEL REBELLO:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to retrieve Indian antiques specially the Kohinoor, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Kalgi and the sword of Shivaji, now in possession of U.K., if so, the details of the action-plan;

(b) whether Government have prepared an exhaustive list of such antiques, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether efforts were made earlier also, if so, the reasons for their failure?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Development of Dal Lake

2978. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give Central assistance to conserve and develop 'Dal Lake' to make it a major tourist spot in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be sanctioned; and

(c) the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) At present there is no such proposal pending with the Department of Tourism. (Such a proposal may have been received by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir)

(c) Does not arise.